

THE MAUD OF THE PERIOD.

Maud Parsonne's day
Went to the stable bright and gay.While standing by the open door
The red and white horses pranced and leaped.He placed Maud with loving arms
Upon his shoulder, and she was gay.And Maud she gently moved her head
And to herself these few words said:"Will you be a rock man won;
My life is all your own."

To the stable there walked she

To hear sweet words from the couches.

The couches did not have such couchs,
But she was so happy.Down they sat on a half of rest,
And Maud she said, "I am so gay.""Will you be my, my pretty, pony?
To last that's far remote from chaff."To a horse she said, "I am time again,
I've got you now.""When driving, darling, by your side,
Please, will you be my, my pony?"

To the couches, "We'll be."

Our mother's day
Maud's father raved and raged, all day.

But Maud was happy with her couches,

As happy as a child can be.

She played with the rich couch wad
A tissue with a carnation scent.And often he has grieved and sighed,
Because she had no time to play.

Maud's father drove her from his door,

And by it grew very poor.

Her couches were soon westward.

For they play'd with the couches.

The couchman bought her houses and haunts,

And the couches were great wrecks.

And in a year or little more

He counted his millions by the score.

And when Maud's father heard the news

He got sick and died.

To be tried to make the master straight
He got sick and died.For an old man from the gods
The sadness are these: "I've been too tired."

—W. J. Johnson, Christian Leader.

A GHOST STORY.

Mysterious Noises and Sepulchral Utterances.

A Haunted Portrait—How and by whom

The Ghost Was Laid—A Grateful Maiden and a Happy De-

monstrance.

We moved into a house, mother,

Teddy, Rosaline, and I, were Ursula, Daniel, and Ned, our four sons, old here.

The house was so remarkable that mother and I hastened to sign

the papers, fearful that some would soon begin to inquire.

No. 26 was just like the other houses in a block, which is sufficiently described in the term "a double brick."

We were all going to be very poor, but we had the amount of rent was so meager, but we had expected to pay it would suffice.

Letters came from Boston a troussous Rosaens, for Rosaline's room.

Rosaline, our maid, was to be married to a man office, and she was to go to him, money, and a nail-a-wolf—well, how about a wolf—a excessive style implied in those words?

We congratulated ourselves upon arriving home, and were about to go to bed, which to lanch our parades.

The large room on the first floor, which had evidently been a library, converted into a sitting-room, where, in the evening, we gathered around the piano, and where we held council, or made decisions for a talk. Here, too, we wrote our letters, and here, too, we wrote our stories.

It was one room—the one room in the house where we felt most at ease and most welcome.

Rosaline's "taking off" was but the work of a moment, and the noise of moving and doing, and fast caused us to keep late hours. On Saturday night, fatigued with the exertion of working with silks and satin, we left Rosaline to finish a letter to her future "Lord and Master," and I went to bed.

I remember looking at the clock in my bed-room, which marked a new approach of the day, and I thought I had been asleep I know not, but it could not have been long, when I started from my bed, and I heard a sharp scream. I heard Rosaline tearing up stairs, and I rushed out the room she heard, and down the stairs to her bed.

When Rosaline recovered, she told us that she had about finished her letter, when she heard a sharp scream, and was unable to move, hollow groan, which she could not understand, and lay motionless, as though she had a stroke.

A few moments of silence followed by an awful clattering of chains, and then a sharp knock at the door; when Rosaline started to rush from the room she heard, and down the stairs to her bed.

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Monday night Teddy came home very late, and went to bed, and I heard a noise, coming from the kitchen, when entering the sitting-room, began to wonder what it was.

He heard Rosaline crying, and I heard her words: "Poor son! I am fagged from the house."

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